

Judiciary - Court of Appeals

	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 ESTIMATE	FY 2026 APPROVED
PROGRAM BUDGET			
Division I	16,209,600	16,018,300	16,662,200
Division II	8,498,200	8,389,100	8,646,500
AGENCY TOTAL	24,707,800	24,407,400	25,308,700
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	162.8	162.8	163.8 ^{1/}
Personal Services	14,785,700	15,297,800	15,646,900
Employee Related Expenditures	7,255,600	7,425,300	7,965,600
Professional and Outside Services	197,000	101,800	101,800
Travel - In State	222,400	228,600	228,600
Travel - Out of State	18,800	6,800	6,800
Other Operating Expenditures	2,228,300	1,344,100	1,346,000
Equipment	0	3,000	13,000
AGENCY TOTAL	24,707,800	24,407,400	25,308,700 ^{2/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	24,707,800	24,407,400	25,308,700
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	24,707,800	24,407,400	25,308,700
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	24,707,800	24,407,400	25,308,700

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Court of Appeals has jurisdiction in all proceedings appealable from the Superior Court except criminal death penalty cases, which are automatically appealed to the Supreme Court. Division I also has statewide responsibility for reviewing appeals from the Arizona Corporation Commission, Industrial Commission, the Department of Economic Security unemployment compensation rulings, and the Arizona Tax Court. Division I convenes in Phoenix and encompasses the counties of Apache, Coconino, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Yavapai, and Yuma. Division II convenes in Tucson and encompasses the counties of Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Pinal, and Santa Cruz.

FOOTNOTES

- ^{1/} Of the 163.8 FTE positions for fiscal year 2025-2026, 112.3 FTE positions are for division one and 51.5 FTE positions are for division two. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- ^{2/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum by Subprogram.

Operating Budget

The budget includes \$25,308,700 and 163.8 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the operating budget. These amounts include \$16,662,200 and 112.3 FTE Positions for Division I and \$8,646,500 and 51.5 FTE Positions for Division II. Adjustments are as follows:

Judicial Salary Increase

The budget includes an increase of \$504,300 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for the second year of a 2-year phase-in of a pay increase for Court of Appeals judges. The FY 2025 General Appropriations Act increases the Court of Appeals judge's salary from \$190,000 to \$200,000 on January 1, 2025 and to \$210,000 on January 1, 2026.

The FY 2025 budget's 3-year spending plan includes an additional \$252,200 in FY 2027 for full implementation.

Human Resource Position

The budget includes an increase of \$93,700 and 1 FTE Position from the General Fund in FY 2026 for a human resource position to address growing workload associated with personnel management. Of this amount, \$10,000 is one-time.

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$303,300 from the General Fund in FY 2026 for statewide adjustments. (Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)